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RADOME REINFORCED WITH POLYESTER-POLYARYLATE

FIBERS AND A METHOD OF MAKING SAME

A radome comprising flexible composite fabric material including polyester-polyarylate fibers in a flexible resin matrix material. 2 The radome of claim 1 in which the polyester-polyarylate fibers are woven 2. into fabric. 2 The radome of claim 1 in which the polyester-polyarylate fibers are knitted 1 3. 2 into fabric. The radome of claim 1 in which the flexible resin matrix is a polyurethane 2 resin. 5. The radome of claim 1 further including a skin bonded to the flexible 1 2 composite fabric material. 1 The radome of claim 5 wherein the skin is comprised of 2 polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE). 7. The radome of claim 5 wherein the skin is comprised of fluorinated

ethylene propylene (FEP).

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1	8.	The radome of clain	n 5 whereir	the skin is co	omprised of p	erfluoroalkoxy
2	resin (PFA).					
1	9.	The radome of clain	n 1 in whic	h the polyeste	r-polyarylate	fibers have a
2	length of seve	eral hundred feet.				
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1	10.	The radome of clain	n 1 in whic	h the polyeste	er-polyarylate	fibers form
2	yarns.			1 (A)		
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1	11.	The radome of clain	n 10 in whi	ch the yarns a	are woven.	
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1	12.	The radome of claim	n 10 in whi	ch the yarns a	re knitted.	
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1	13.	The radome of clain	n 1 in whic	h the flexible	composite fal	oric material is
2	comprised of	one ply.		b		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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1	14.	The radome of claim	n 1 in whic	h the flexible	composite fal	bric material
2	includes more	e than one ply.				
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1	15.	The radome of clair	n 2 in whic	h the fabric is	multi-axial.	4 ¹
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1	16.	The radome of clair	n 3 in whic	h the fabric is	multi-axial.	

- 17. A radome comprising flexible composite material including polyester-
- 2 polyarylate fibers woven in a flexible resin matrix.

- 18. A radome comprising flexible composite material including polyester-
- 2 polyarylate fibers knitted in a flexible resin matrix.

1	19. A method of producing a radome, the method comprising.
2	combining polyester-polyarylate fibers with a flexible resin matrix
3	material to form a flexible composite fabric material.
1	20. The method of claim 19 in which the polyester-polyarylate fibers are
2	woven into fabric.
1	21. The method of claim 19 in which the polyester-polyarylate fibers are
2	knitted into fabric.
1	22. The method of claim 19 in which the flexible resin matrix material is a
2	polyurethane resin.
1	23. The method of claim 19 further including bonding a skin to the flexible
2	composite fabric material.
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1	24. The method of claim 23 wherein the skin is comprised of
2 .	polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE).
1	25. The method of claim 23 wherein the skin is comprised of fluorinated
2,	ethylene propylene (FEP).
1	The method of claim 23 wherein the skin is comprised of perfluoroalko

resin (PFA). The method of claim 23 wherein the skin is bonded to the flexible 27. 2 composite fabric material by chemical etching. 28. The method of claim 23 wherein the skin is bonded to the flexible composite fabric material by corona treatment combined with adhesive bonding. 29. The method of claim 23 wherein the skin is bonded to the flexible composite fabric material by lamination. 30. The method of claim 23 wherein the skin is bonded to the flexible 2 composite fabric material by melt processing. The method of claim 19 further including forming plies of flexible 2 composite fabric material. The method of claim 20 in which the fabric is multi-axial. 1 32.

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The method of claim 21 in which the fabric is multi-axial.